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SUBJ: REMODELLING OF EMBASSY

REF: (1) K.L. 4766

(2) KUALA LUMPUR 5045

(3) STATE 206814

1. WITH ASSISTANCE OF SUGGESTIONS OF RSS AND MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM, WE HAVE ARRIVED AT AGREEMENT ON BASICS OF REMODELLING EMBASSY TO PROVIDE, AS INDICATED IN REF. 1: (A) SINGLE ENTRANCE TO EMBASSY LOCATED ON TENTH FLOOR, IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS FOR WHICH WILL PROVIDE CONTROLLED ACCESS AND SECURITY FOR MSG, RECEPTIONIST AND NCOIC BEHIND SECURE BULLET PROOF WALLS AND WINDOWS(COPIES OF FLOOR PLANS FOR THIS AREA ARE BEING FORWARDED SEPARATELY), (B) MOVE OF RSO TO TENTH FLOOR TO CONCENTRATE SECURITY FORCES AROUND CENTRAL ACCESS POINT, AND (C) RELOCATION OF CONSULATE, GENERAL SERVICES OPERATION AND CASHIER TO TENTH FLOOR TO ELIMINATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ACCESS OF GENERAL PUBLIC TO EMBASSY PROPER BY CONCENTRATING IN ONE AREA THOSE UNITS WHICH HAVE SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF OUTSIDE VISITORS.

2. SPACE IS AT A PREMIUM. THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE TO US. THE PROPOSED MOVES WILL REQUIRE MAJOR CONTRACTION BY USUS, CONSULATE AND GENERAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF SECURITY COMPLEX ON TENTH FLOOR AND HOUSING OF RSO AND SECRETARY IN SPACE ALREADY CRAMPED.

3. WHILE WE HAVE COME UP WITH SEVERAL PLANS AND DRAWINGS TO

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ACCOMMODATE, WE FIND THAT WE REQUIRE ADVICE AND EXPERTISE OF

ARCHITECT DESIGNER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY AVAILABLE INCH OF SPACE AND TO PROVIDE LAYOUTS AND FLOOR PLANS ON WHICH TO BASE ESTIMATES OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

4. REQUEST URGENTLY AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ARCHITECT TO ASSIST IN FURTHER PLANNING, INCLUDING SUPERVISION OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ENTRY AND SECURITY COMPLEX. FEES FOR SERVICES ARE QUOTED AT FIFTEEN PERCENT OF TOTAL COST OF CONTRACT.

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